

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1-16 and 25 to 50 will be present in this application. Claims 1, 9, 29 and 35 remain the sole remaining independent claims in connection with the present application. Dependent claims 41-50 have been added by the present Amendment and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

New Dependent Claims

By the present Amendment, dependent claims 41-50 have been added. These claims are submitted to provide more complete protection for Applicant's invention and are supported by, but not limited to, at least one of Figures 2-4 (and more specifically supported by, but not limited to, at least one of trace 36 and/or 76, and/or common bonding surface 52a). Thus, no new matter has been added by submission of these claims.

Entry of New Dependent Claims is Requested

Entry of these new dependent claims 41-50 submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 is respectfully requested. These new claims 41-50 are dependent upon various ones of allowed independent claims 1, 9, 29, and 35. Thus, by their dependency upon an allowable independent claim, these claims are also allowable over the prior art of record and thus no further search or examination of these claims need be conducted. Further, entry of these new claims also involves no more than a cursory review of the record, and involves no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S.P.T.O. as complete copies of the new claims and all currently pending claims are submitted herewith.

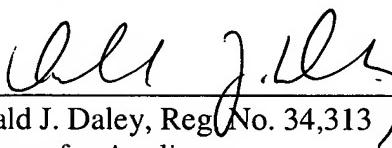
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at 703-668-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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